GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Higher Educational Institutions – Mandatory accreditation of the Higher Educational Institutions offering conventional, technical and professional programs in the State of Andhra Pradesh from the academic year 2020-21 – Orders – issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (U.E) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 13 Dated: 02-02-2021

Read the following:

1. University Grants Commission (Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of higher Educational Institutions), Regulations, 2012.
2. National Educational Policy, 2020.
3. From the Chairman, APSCHE e-file, APSCHE-14025/24/2020-CHR-APSCHE.

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ORDER:

The University Grants Commission has issued Regulations for Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions in the year 2012 with an objective to facilitate Higher Educational Institutions to augment quality by benchmarking uniform reference points pertaining to academic standards and to facilitate Higher Educational Institutions to secure additional funding and other incentives, if found eligible from appropriate regulatory and or other funding agencies. The UGC mandated each Higher Educational Institution to get accredited by the Accreditation Agency after passing out of two batches or six years whichever is earlier, in accordance with the norms and methodology prescribed.

2. The National Educational Policy, 2020 emphasises on the need and importance of accreditation as a means to ensure quality education. In this regard, the NEP, 2020 recommends mandatory accreditation of all Higher Educational Institutions in a time bound manner.

3. The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh is committed to provide quality education to all the students of the state and other stakeholders. It is observed that the majority of the Higher Education Institutions in the State are not accredited by NAAC. The number of Higher Educational Institutions securing a place in National Institutional Ranking Framework

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(NIRF) and International Rankings is far below the desired level. Further, majority of Higher Educational Institutions offering professional courses are also not having institutional accreditation and program accreditation by NBA, NAAC, etc. As a result the quality of the higher education in the state is not in tandem with the requirements of job market.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby order mandatory accreditation of all the Higher Educational Institutions offering conventional, technical and professional courses within three years from the date of issue of this order. To achieve this objective, Higher Educational Institutions may require handholding so as to obtain accreditation in line with the norms and guidelines laid down by the concerned regulatory Authorities. A separate cell should be established in APSCHE by deputing staff from within their organisation and from open market to hasten up the process to reach the target within (3) years.

5. The Secretary, A.P. State Council of Higher Education, Special Commissioner for Collegiate Education and the Registrars of State funded Universities in the State shall take immediate action with the approval of the respective statutory bodies, mandating the accreditation by NAAC, NBA and other recognised bodies for specific programs, for all the Colleges affiliated under each university jurisdiction. These functionaries shall send periodical reports on the status of accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions in the State to State Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SATISH CHANDRA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Secretary, A.P. State Council of Higher Education, Mangalagiri.
The Special Commissioner, Collegiate Education, Vijayawada.
The Registrars of the State Universities under the administrative control of H.E Dept.

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